

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his time during the phone interview and for the helpful suggestions that are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance, namely the articulation of the acts being performed in the order claimed. It is recognized that the field of games is a crowded art and that the claims should be narrowly construed—for example, the art cited by the examiner includes are that have lettered tiles rather than word tiles. In addition, claim 2 has been cancelled, which thus cancels the motivation to combine the two references used to reject claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, should the examiner maintain the rejections to claims 1 and 7 based on the combination, a new motivation to combine the references is requested.

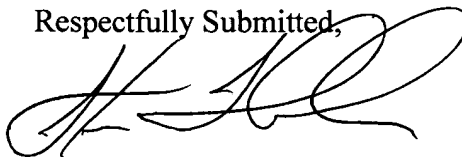
In the Event Arguments are Believed Insufficient

The Examiner is thanked for the phone interview, and his consideration. Should the Examiner disagree that the remarks place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to prepare an acceptable proposed set of claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07 (j).

Thus, it is believed that the pending claims are allowable, and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested. Other references made of record but not relied upon in the Office Action are considered no more relevant to the invention than the reference relied upon by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. W. Thrasher', written over the typed name.

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